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Alvin K. Hellerstein, U.S.D.J.:

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This Order is entered, pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 5(f), to confirm the Government's disclosure obligations under *Brady* v. *Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), and its progeny, and to summarize the possible consequences of violating those obligations.

The Government must disclose to the defense all information "favorable to an accused" that is "material either to guilt or to punishment" and that is known to the Government. *Id.* at 87. This obligation applies regardless of whether the information would itself constitute admissible evidence. The Government shall disclose such information to the defense promptly after its existence becomes known to the Government so that the defense may make effective use of the information in the preparation of its case.

As part of these obligations, the Government must disclose any information that can be used to impeach the trial testimony of a Government witness within the meaning of *Giglio v*. *United States*, 405 U.S. 150 (1972), and its progeny. Such information must be disclosed no later than one week before the final pre-trial conference, or at such other time as the Court may order, in order for the defendant to make effective use of it at trial. (The final pre-trial conference will be scheduled approximately one week before trial.)

The foregoing obligations are continuing ones and apply to materials that become known

to the Government in the future. Additionally, if information is otherwise subject to disclosure,

it must be disclosed regardless of whether the Government credits it.

In the event the Government believes that a disclosure under this Order would

compromise witness safety, victim rights, national security, a sensitive law-enforcement

technique, or any other substantial government interest, it may apply to the Court for a

modification of its obligations, which may include in camera review or withholding or subjecting

to a protective order all or part of the information otherwise subject to disclosure.

For purposes of this Order, the Government includes all current or former federal, state,

and local prosecutors, law-enforcement officers, and other officials who have participated in the

investigation that led to, or prosecution of, the offense or offenses with which the defendant is

charged. The Government has an affirmative obligation to seek from such sources all

information subject to disclosure under this Order.

If the Government fails to comply with this Order, the Court, in addition to ordering

production of the information, may:

(1) specify the terms and conditions of such production;

(2) grant a continuance;

(3) impose evidentiary sanctions;

(4) impose sanctions on any responsible lawyer for the Government;

(5) dismiss charges before trial or vacate a conviction after trial or a guilty plea; or

(6) enter any other order that is just under the circumstances.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 9, 2022

New York, New York

/s/ Alvin K. Hellerstein

ALVIN K. HELLERSTEIN

United States District Judge

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